

OUTREACH COMMISSION AREAS OF CONCERN

All Commissions:

- collaborate with Pastoral Council, other Commissions and subcommittees to accomplish annual plan
- have an annual schedule that includes, in part, commission participation in the parish annual plan
- establish ministry area vision and evaluate it annually
- keep abreast of trends affecting ministry area(s)
- have a staff resource who is a member of the commission
- have a basic training component, which is the Training Manual.
- have specific training and knowledge base – examples are Catholic Church documents, parish policy, compendium of best practices.
- develop performance standards and tangible criteria for success to evaluate efforts.
- Maintain and improve communication goals and practices for effective intra-parish collaboration
- evaluate commission direction in light of Archdiocesan strategic plan
- evaluate sharing resources with other ministries/parishes where possible
- submit summary of ministry area outcomes for inclusion in Annual Report to parish.

Outreach, specifically, is concerned with:

- Education: Official documents of Catholic Social Teachings; JustFaith; Justice Walking (for Youth).
- Best practices in Pastoral Care
- Prayer Request Line
- Ministry to Infirm: Homebound Ministry; Hospital Ministry; Nursing Home Ministry; Standards on Protecting Vulnerable Adults
- Ministry to Bereaved: Grief Ministry; Wakes and Funerals; Arms of Hope (stillborn); Funeral Lunches; Remembrance Services, Cemetery care and décor considerations
- Ministry for Marriage: Marriage Preparation; Cana Dinner
- Ministry for certain groups: Senior Luncheon; Singles Group; Divorced and Separated
- Charity Donations
- Charitable to Individuals: Food and Gas Vouchers; Parishioner Special Needs; Christmas Baskets; Thanksgiving Dinners
- Charitable and Service to Organizations: Food shelves (CEAP & CROSS); Feed My Starving Children; WomenSource; Sharing and Caring Hands; Baby Shower; Giving Tree; International Charity; Mission Trips
- Life Issues: Womb-to-Tomb (Respect Life); Ministry to Disabled; Prison Ministry; Medical Ministry
- Advocacy: Sowers of Justice; Multicultural Ministry; Catholic Campaign for Human Development
- Local non parish community presence and representation
- Mass Curbside Greeters